

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION

TIMOTHY STEVEN LEAGUE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:20-cv-650-SPC-NPM

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER

Before the Court are Defendant's Opposed Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint (Doc. 14) and Plaintiff's Response (Doc. 15). For a second time, Defendant requests this action be stayed in order to produce a certified transcript of the record and file an answer. Defendant includes the same or similar argument from his previous motion. (Doc. 11, pp. 1-3). In sum, the pandemic has impacted the agency's operations and it has a backlog of actions awaiting certified transcripts. (*Id.*). In response, Plaintiff raises the same or similar objections in opposing the stay, arguing Defendant's efforts are insufficient. (Doc. 15, pp. 1-2).

After considering the arguments of counsel, the Court will stay this action for forty-five days.

Accordingly, the Opposed Motion for Stay of Proceedings (Doc. 14) is **GRANTED in part**. The Court extends the deadline for Defendant to file a certified transcript and answer to **March 8, 2021**. No further extensions will be granting without a detailed and case-specific showing that the Commissioner made a diligent effort to comply with the Court's deadline.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida on February 1, 2021.



NICHOLAS P. MIZELL
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE